



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., speaks during the Iowa Democratic Party's Jefferson-Jackson Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015, in Des Moines, Iowa. (AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall)

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DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Bernie Sanders sharpened the contrast with Hillary Rodham Clinton on a bevy of liberal causes, casting himself as a principled progressive before thousands of Iowa Democrats in an appearance that could set the tone for the lead-off presidential caucuses in February.

Sanders, the independent Vermont senator, never mentioned Clinton by name Saturday night at the high-profile fundraising dinner but implicitly criticized her delayed opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership and Keystone XL pipeline as well as her vote in favor of the Iraq war and passage of the Defense of Marriage Act during her husband's administration that allowed states to refuse to recognize same-sex marriages approved under the laws of other states.

Sanders vowed "not to abandon any segment of American society whether you're gay or black or Latino or poor or working class — just because it is politically expedient at a given time."

"I promise you tonight as your president I will govern based on principle not poll numbers," Sanders said, eliciting roars from his supporters.

Clinton did not respond in kind, making the case that she would be best equipped to take on the Republicans. "I hear Donald Trump when he says we have to make America great again," Clinton said. "America is great — we just have to make it fair and just."

Clinton and Sanders sit atop a Democratic presidential field that was effectively pared down to two after Vice President Joe Biden announced this week he would not seek the nomination.

Clinton made a direct appeal to Biden's supporters, saying that the vice president has been at Obama's

side every step of the way. "He has fought passionately for middle-class families and middle-class values," she said.

Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, who trails both by a wide margin, reached for a breakout performance at the dinner, presenting himself as a fresh face in the party, who got things done in his home state.

"We cannot move beyond today's gridlocked politics by returning to the divisions of our past," O'Malley said. "I'm not about that."

The speech marked a more aggressive turn by Sanders, who struggled at times to scrutinize Clinton's record during the first Democratic presidential debate in Las Vegas earlier this month.

In that encounter, Clinton offered a full-throated rebuke of Sanders' record on gun control, noting his opposition to the 1993 Brady Bill that mandated federal background checks on firearm purchases and his backing of a 2005 law that shields gun manufacturers, distributors and dealers from most liability lawsuits.

This time, Clinton only made a passing reference to Sanders on gun control, saying, "I won't be silent" on the issue.

Clinton placed third in the Iowa caucuses in 2008 behind Barack Obama and has since built a formidable organization to power her to victory here.

Clinton is now presenting herself as Obama's heir, warning that Republicans would seek to slash taxes for the wealthy and repeal the president's signature health care reform law.

"I'm running as a proud Democrat," the former secretary of state said to a large cheering section that waved blue neon sticks. "We need to defend the progress we've made under President Obama and build on it until the recovery is secure."

But Republicans insisted Saturday that today's Hillary Clinton is the same one who ran eight years ago. □

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Former President Bill Clinton and his wife, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton, walk back to the stage after the Iowa Democratic Party's Jefferson-Jackson fundraising dinner, Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015, in Des Moines, Iowa.

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AP-GfK Poll: Republicans view Donald Trump as most electable

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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican voters view Donald Trump as their strongest general election candidate, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll that highlights the sharp contrast between the party's voters and its top professionals regarding the billionaire businessman's ultimate political strength.

Seven in 10 Republican and Republican-leaning registered voters say Trump could win in November 2016 if he is nominated, and that's the most who say so of any candidate. By comparison, 6 in 10 say the same for retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson, who, like Trump, has tapped into the powerful wave of anti-establishment anger defining the early phases of the 2016 contest.

"It's the lifelong establishment politicians on both sides that rub me the wrong way," said registered Republican Joe Selig, a 60-year-old carpenter



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump smiles as he looks out on the crowd after taking the stage at the Jacksonville Landing along the banks of the St. Johns River in Jacksonville, Fla., on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015.

(Bob Self/The Florida Times-Union/via AP)

from Vallejo, California. "I think Trump is more electable. He's strong. We need strength these days."

Trump and Carson are considered among the least electable general election candidates by the Republican Party's professionals, those who are in the business of helping candidates run campaigns and win elections.

Experienced political strategists note that winning a general election and win-

ning the Republican nomination are often very different tasks. The Republican Party's most conservative voters — a group that is older and whiter than the nation as a whole — wield extraordinary influence in picking the nominee. Independents, moderate voters and minorities are far more important in general elections that draw many more people to the polls.

While Trump and Carson are popular in primary

election polls, both have used divisive rhetoric in recent months that alienated some minorities. Trump called Mexican immigrants rapists and criminals during his announcement speech; while Carson said he would not support a Muslim presidential candidate.

"Republicans think (Democrat) Hillary (Rodham Clinton) is weaker than she is. They are wrong," said Republican operative Katie Packer, who was deputy campaign manager for 2012 Republican nominee Mitt Romney. "They think we don't need to win more women or more Hispanics to win. They're wrong."

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who has embraced a welcoming tone with Hispanics, tops the field of experienced political leaders on the question of electability, running about even with Carson and slightly behind Trump.

Six in 10 Republicans say Bush could win the general election and 54 percent say the same about Florida Sen. Marco Rubio. There's

a drop-off among the rest of the crowded 2016 Republican class. None of the other candidates is viewed as electable in a general election by more than half of Republican voters.

Carson and Trump are the candidates most likely to receive positive ratings from Republican voters, with 65 percent saying they have a favorable opinion of Carson and 58 percent saying the same of Trump. Republicans are somewhat less excited about Bush, with 48 percent giving him a favorable rating.

Trump and Bush have the highest negative ratings within their own party: 37 percent of Republican voters say they have an unfavorable opinion of Bush and 36 percent say the same of Trump.

Their negatives are even more pronounced among the broader electorate. The AP-GfK poll found Trump is viewed unfavorably by 57 percent of those surveyed, the highest negatives of any Republican candidate. □

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Attorney: Suspect in Oklahoma crash may be mentally ill



Oklahoma State students Kelly Cooke, right, and Rebecca Buchanan read messages on a memorial in Stillwater, Okla., near where a car crashed into spectators during the Oklahoma State University homecoming parade Saturday killing multiple people and injuring several others.

(Sarah Phipps/The Oklahoman via AP)

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STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — A woman facing second-degree murder charges after authorities said she plowed a car into the crowd at the Oklahoma State University homecoming parade may suffer from a mental illness and was not drinking alcohol before the crash, her lawyer said on Sunday.

Adacia Chambers, 25, was arrested after the crash on a driving while under the influence charge, and police said Sunday that she was also being held on four charges of second-degree murder.

Defense attorney Tony Coleman said Chambers did not smell of alcohol when he met her hours after the crash and did not appear to be someone who had been in a "drunken stupor." Police are awaiting blood tests to determine if she was impaired by drugs or alcohol.

"I absolutely can rule out alcohol," Coleman told a press conference, adding that he had spoken to her aunt, grandmother and boyfriend and all had said she was not drinking.

"She doesn't remember a whole lot about what happened. There was a period where I think ... she could have even blacked out," Coleman said. Chambers only recalls people removing her from the car and being extremely confused, he said.

Witnesses described a scene of chaos as bodies flew into the air from the impact and landed on the road. Three adults and a 2-year-old boy were killed and 47 others hurt, including at least four critically injured. Hospitals initially said five were critically injured but one of those was upgraded to fair condition on Sunday.

The dead were identified as Nakita Prabhakar Nakal, 23, an MBA student from India at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, and a married couple, Bonnie Jean Stone and Marvin Lyle Stone, both 65, of Stillwater. Marvin Stone was a retired professor of agricultural engineering, who had been popular with students, a colleague said.

"He was loved by students and one of the best teachers we had," said Ron Elliott, the former head of the Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering Department at OSU. "He just really had a gift for connecting with students and helping them learn," Elliott said in a telephone interview.

A man who was standing next to one of the critically injured at the parade said all he remembers is a sound and then Leo Schmitz, his stepfather, was gone.

Mark McNitt said he went to the parade with his wife, mother and stepfather Schmitz.

"All I remember is a gush of

wind and then the sound, and then Leo, who was standing next to me, wasn't standing next to me," said McNitt, whose leg was slightly injured. He was overcome by emotion at times as he spoke to a press conference at the University of Oklahoma Medical Center, where Schmitz was being treated.

Konda Walker, an OSU graduate who was in Stillwater with her sister to celebrate homecoming, said she was only about 50 feet from the crash scene.

She said it took her a few seconds to process what had happened. There were bodies and injured people lying "all over the place," Walker said.

"One woman was a crumpled mess on the road. They turned her over and started

CPR. We realized she didn't make it," she said.

Forty-seven people were injured, including nine children 10-year-old or younger. Five adults were listed as critical on Sunday morning. At the corner of the intersection where the suspect's car came to a stop, a makeshift memorial continued to grow. By Sunday afternoon, there were balloons, flowers, stuffed teddy bears and candles with black and orange ribbons tied around them, for the school's colors. A handmade sign read "It's always darkest before dawn. Stay strong."

Anthea Lewis had tears in her eyes on Sunday as she placed a child's hat with an Oklahoma State University logo at the base of the memorial. □

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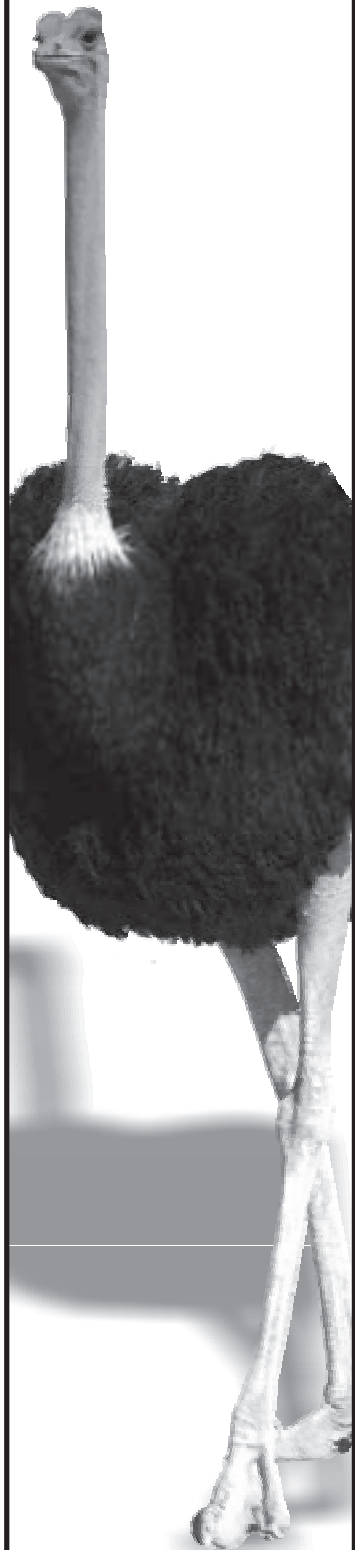
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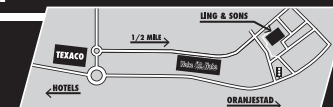
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Texas spared destruction from Hurricane Patricia's remnants

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Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Drenching storms that the remnants of Hurricane Patricia dragged into Texas finally cleared Sunday without leaving behind the death or devastation of torrential rain and floods that hit the state earlier in the year.

Some parts of Texas have been pounded by more than a foot (30 centimeters) of rain since Friday, shutting down busy highways and derailing a train. But relentless showers were gratefully the only comparison to storms in late May that killed more than 30 people in Texas and Oklahoma and stranded 2,500 cars around Houston. One man remained missing near San Antonio after authorities say he was caught by floodwaters, but no deaths in Texas have been confirmed.

By Sunday morning, as swol-



Eleazar Sanchez wades through high water Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015, in Houston. Drenching storms that the remnants of Hurricane Patricia dragged into Texas finally cleared Sunday without leaving behind the death or devastation of torrential rain and floods that hit the state earlier in the year.

(Jon Shapley/Houston Chronicle via AP)

len bayous around Houston receded and closed roads reopened in Austin, day-break also revealed scant damage.

"We're going to stand down the emergency management operations and call it a day," said Galveston County Judge Mark

Henry, who had issued a voluntary evacuation covering roughly 4,000 homes. Patricia roared ashore in Mexico on Friday as a Category 5 terror that barreled toward land with winds up to 200 mph (320 kph). But the arrival of the most powerful hurricane on record

in the Western Hemisphere caused remarkably little destruction, and what was left of Patricia by the time the weakened storm straggled into parched Texas was greeted with both relief and unease.

A hot and dry summer in Texas revived drought conditions that a wet spring all but wiped out.

A deluge in late May overwhelmed saturated areas and caused deadly flooding, and nine inches (22.5 centimeters) of rain dumped in parts of Houston this weekend was the most since those spring storms.

But officials said months of sweltering Texas weather made for a more manageable drenching, which also fell at a steady rate instead of in buckets.

"We had much drier grounds that could handle more of the rainfall and soak it in," National Weather Service Meteorologist Scott Overpeck said. "We

had drought conditions we were dealing with."

Lessons learned from the May floods also seemed to keep more drivers out of danger, authorities said. Only roughly two dozen cars were towed from flooded roads in Houston and emergency crews responded to only a handful of rescues, said Francisco Sanchez, a spokesman for Harris County's emergency management division.

"The public responded well.

For the most part they heeded our warnings," Sanchez said.

The soaking helped firefighters near Austin fully contain a long-simmering wildfire that had burned 7 square miles (18 square kilometers) and destroyed nearly 70 homes. Clearing skies also allowed a Formula One championship in Austin to proceed after the rain washed out weekend qualifying laps and threatened a race that brings fans from around the globe.

On Saturday, a Union Pacific freight train derailed before dawn Saturday near Corsicana, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) south of Dallas, because a creek overflowed and washed away the tracks, said Jeff DeGraff, a railroad spokesman. □

Alaska man stranded in Russia after flight canceled

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Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Sivoy Miklahook booked his flight to Russia when there were no scheduled return flights to Alaska, but he figured something would come up while he lived out his dream of vis-

iting friends and family on the other side of the Bering Strait.

Now the 25-year-old Alaska Native is stranded in a foreign country with no immediate way home.

As his visitation deadline approaches, his friends in Alaska are rallying to raise

money to charter a plane and bring him back home to Savoonga, a Yup'ik Eskimo village on Alaska's Saint Lawrence Island near the Russian border. His mother, Carol Miklahook, said her son called recently, but their connection was poor and ultimately cut off.

"I don't know what kind of trouble he's facing," she said in a phone interview. Sivoy Miklahook has a Nov. 14 deadline to leave, he said on Facebook, where he talks about how helpless he feels. □

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Airbnb battles hostile ballot measure in San Francisco



Michael Ruppert poses for photos outside of the home he was evicted from in San Francisco. Travelers worldwide love using Airbnb to book vacation stays in San Francisco, but some in the city where the company was founded are decidedly less affectionate, backing a Nov. 3 ballot measure that would limit how long a private home can be rented out.

(AP Photo/Jeff Chiu)

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Travelers worldwide may love using Airbnb to book vacation stays, but the company that revolutionized home-sharing faces a hostile ballot measure in the city where it was founded. Proposition F on the Nov. 3 San Francisco ballot would limit short-term rentals to 75 days a year and require hosting companies such as Airbnb to yank listings that violate the limit. The city would be required to notify neighbors when a person registers to host. The measure would enable pricey lawsuit damages against violators, including the hosting platform. Current city law limits un-hosted rentals to 90 days. There are no limits on hosted rentals. Airbnb, by far the largest home-share platform in the city and in the world, has donated \$8 million and counting to defeat the proposed ordinance. It has saturated television with ads. Backers of the measure say the demand for vacation stays is sucking up scarce

housing, adding to the city's unaffordability and destroying what makes San Francisco neighborhoods unique. Landlords, they say, have a financial incentive to rent short-term rather than take on long-term tenants, especially in popular neighborhoods such as the Mission District. Proponents have reported raising \$350,000. Airbnb and other opponents argue the measure will pit neighbor against neighbor and drive out residents who can stay in the city only by sharing their homes short-term. Ads feature warm shots of happy families — supposedly home-sharers — as well as cartoons of an elderly man snooping on his neighbors and calling a “snitch hotline.” Both sides say they are fighting for the soul of San Francisco, a diverse place that is now a national symbol of income inequality amid sky-high housing costs driven in part by a technology boom. A one-bedroom without parking rents for over \$3,000 a month. In September, a decrepit 1,100-square-foot

(102-square-meter) house in which a mummified corpse was found earlier this year sold for more than \$1.5 million. “This is definitely a fight that’s representative of the anxiety that exists here due to an economy that’s been so dynamic,” said Sam Lauter, a San Francisco lobbyist not affiliated with the measure. The measure has deeply divided the city’s Democratic leadership, with U.S.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein in favor and Mayor Ed Lee and California Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom opposed. Feinstein and Newsom are former San Francisco mayors. Cities large and small around the world are trying to balance home-sharing’s popularity with livability for residents. In New York City, it’s generally unlawful to rent an apartment for less than 30 days unless the apart-

ment’s resident also stays there, but people do anyway. In May, the city council of Santa Monica, California, legalized home sharing — the rental of an extra room or couch — but banned un-hosted rentals for less than 30 days. San Francisco had prohibited rentals of less than 30 days, but in February approved an ordinance to legalize and regulate the practice. □

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Kerry plan for Jerusalem site leaves many issues unanswered

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Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — John Kerry's latest Mideast mission has aimed for the modest goal of easing tensions around Jerusalem's most sensitive holy site — the focal point of more than a month of deadly unrest. But the steps announced by the U.S. secretary of state over the weekend did little to address the deeper issues behind the fighting, disappointing the Palestinians and raising fears that even if calm is restored, it is just a matter of time before another round of violence erupts. During a swing through the region, Kerry announced the steps on Saturday after several days of meet-

ings with Israeli, Palestinian and Jordanian leaders. The highlight was a Jordanian proposal to install surveillance cameras at the Jerusalem holy site that is known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary. More than a month of violence has been fueled by Palestinian allegations that Israel is trying to change the delicate status quo at the site, which allows non-Muslims to visit but not pray. The hilltop compound, home to the biblical Jewish Temples, is the holiest site in Judaism. Today, it is home to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, the third-holiest site in Islam and a potent Palestinian national symbol.



Jordanian King Abdullah II, right, meets with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry at the Royal Palace in Amman Jordan. Kerry said that Israel and Jordan have agreed on steps aimed at reducing tensions at a holy site in Jerusalem that have fanned Israeli-Palestinian violence.

(AP Photo/Raad Adayleh)

While Israel has repeatedly said there are no plans to change this status quo, the Palestinian fears have been stoked by growing numbers of Jewish visitors, backed by some senior Israeli officials, who seek prayer rights and an expanded presence on the mount.

Addressing his Cabinet on Sunday, Prime Minister Ben-

jamin Netanyahu said he "made clear" to Kerry that Israel is committed to preserving the status quo, and he welcomed the plan to install cameras.

"Israel has an interest in stationing cameras in all parts of the Temple Mount. First, in order to disprove the claim that Israel is changing the status quo. Second, to show where the provoca-

tions really come from and to foil them before they ever happen," he said.

Israeli officials said the plan was for Israeli police and officials from the Waqf, the Jordanian-backed religious authority that administers the Muslim sites, to have access to footage. Palestinian officials gave the camera plan a cool reception. □

Syria's Assad said to favor vote after victory

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Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — President Bashar Assad is willing to run in an early presidential election, hold parliamentary elections and discuss constitutional changes, but only after the defeat of "terrorist" groups, Russian lawmakers said after meeting with the Syrian leader on Sunday.

The meeting came as Russia, the U.S., Saudi Arabia and Turkey were discussing new ideas for a political transition to end Syria's nearly five-year civil war,

which has killed 250,000 people and displaced half the country's population.

The Western-backed Syrian opposition and other insurgent groups have refused to back any plan that does not include Assad's exit from power, and were unlikely to view any elections held by his government as legitimate. The Syrian government considers the entire armed opposition to be "terrorists."

"This is all political equivocation," Munzer Akbik, a member of the main opposition Syrian National Council, told The Associat-

ed Press. "There is no sense in talking about elections now before a real transition of power."

Communist lawmaker Alexander Yushchenko told the Tass news agency that Assad is ready to hold parliamentary elections "on the basis of all political forces that want Syria's prosperity." He said Assad is also ready to discuss constitutional reform and, if necessary, hold presidential elections, but only "after the victory over terrorism." Assad won re-election by a landslide in a vote held more than a year ago. □

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EU leaders criticize each other at summit on refugees

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BRUSSELS (AP) — European leaders lashed out Sunday at each other's handling of the continent's greatest immigration crisis since World War II, even as they came together to seek ways to ease the plight of the tens of thousands marching across the Balkans toward the European Union's heartland. At a hastily called emergency summit in Brussels, 11 EU and Balkan leaders were especially looking to shore up Greece's porous border with Turkey and slow the flow of people heading north toward the European Union's heartland.

"Extraordinary times demand extraordinary measures," German Chancellor Angela Merkel said. Nearly 250,000 migrants have passed through the Balkans since mid-September and the surge is not being deterred by either cold weather or colder waters off Greece.

Croatia said 11,500 people crossed into the country Saturday, the highest in a single day since Hungary put up a fence and refugees started coming into



German Chancellor Angela Merkel, right, speaks with Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras prior to a round table meeting during an EU summit at EU headquarters in Brussels on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015. EU leaders meet on Sunday to discuss refugee flows along the Western Balkans route.

(AP Photo/Francois Walschaerts)

Croatia in mid-September. Slovenian Prime Minister Miro Cerar said his tiny Alpine nation was being overwhelmed by the refugees — with 60,000 arriving in the last 10 days — and was not receiving enough help from its EU partners.

He put the challenge in simple terms: if no fresh approach is forthcoming "in the next few days and weeks,

I do believe that the European Union and Europe

as a whole will start to fall apart."

Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic asked a fundamental question that the 28-nation bloc and non-EU nations like Serbia have been unable to answer since the migratory trek across the Mediterranean and through Turkey started last spring: "What we are going to do with hundreds of thousands of these people?"

Half a year later, there is no

answer. Sunday's meeting was hoping to come up with some Band-Aid solutions at best. Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras commented that having a summit on the migrant crisis was of little use if Turkey was not invited.

Many say the EU needs to get control of the refugee flow at the bloc's external border between EU-member Greece and Turkey. Migration experts, however, say the flood of refugees

won't be halted until the world resolves the war in Syria, which is driving millions out of the country.

Vucic said he was prepared for "hard, not very pleasant" talks. He said Serbia would not "put up any walls" like Hungary's new razor wire-topped border fences.

Croatian Prime Minister Zoran Milanovic asked of fellow EU nation Greece: "Why doesn't Greece control its maritime half with Turkey?"

Greece, criticized for being ill-prepared as a first EU buffer against the migrants, decried the lack of EU solidarity.

"Till today, it was difficult to find a solution, because a series of countries adopt a stance 'Not in my backyard,'" Tsipras said.

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, so often the target for building border fences that diverted the flow of refugees to other nations, simply said "Hungary is not on the route anymore, so we are just observers here."

Then he lashed into measures other EU nations had already taken, especially those belonging to the Schengen passport-free border zone. □



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This image made from video taken on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015 from a helmet camera, shows U.S. and Iraqi special forces searching prisoners inside a makeshift prison in the town of Huwija, 9 miles west of the Iraqi city of Kirkuk. The Kurdish regional government in northern Iraq released a video Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015 purportedly showing the joint raid of a prison by U.S. and Kurdish peshmerga forces in which they released 70 hostages from the Islamic State group's captivity.

(Kurdistan Regional Security Council via AP)

Video shows US-Kurdish raid of IS group

BRAM JANSSEN
Associated Press

IRBIL, Iraq (AP) — The Kurdish regional government in northern Iraq released a video Sunday purportedly showing the joint raid of a prison by U.S. and Kurdish peshmerga forces in which they released 70 hostages held by the Islamic State group.

The helmet camera footage allegedly shows the Thursday raid of the prison which was controlled by Islamic State militants in the town of Huwija, 15 kilometers (9 miles) west of the

Iraqi city of Kirkuk.

A line of panicked men in traditional ankle-length garments are seen running past the camera, some with their hands up, as Arabic-speaking men scream at them, "Let's go! Let's go!" Gunfire rings out non-stop in the background. The soldiers as seen walking through a dark room with the Islamic State group's trademark black flag draped on the wall. The rescued hostages are then frisked for weapons and led away.

Officials later said about

20 of the rescued hostages were members of Iraqi security forces.

Army Master Sgt. Joshua L. Wheeler, 39, of Roland, Oklahoma, was killed during the raid, officials said. He was the first American to die in combat since the U.S. launched Operation Inherent Resolve last year. The raid marked the first time US troops were involved in direct ground combat in Iraq since the war against the Islamic State group was launched in August 2014. □

Pope at family synod end: 'Today is a time of mercy'

NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Declaring that "today is a time of mercy," Pope Francis on Sunday closed a historic meeting of bishops that approved an important new direction in welcoming divorced and civilly remarried Catholics into the church. The synod's endorsement, by a single vote, of Francis' call for a more merciful, less judgmental church was a clear victory for Francis and the progressive prelates who have been seeking wiggle room in church teaching to allow remarried Catholics to receive Communion. Conservatives had objected, citing church doctrine, but they couldn't muster the votes needed to block passage of the final document.

With the badly divided church hierarchy before him in St. Peter's Basilica, Francis took veiled aim Sunday at those in the church who place more importance on doctrine and law than on God's mercy and forgiveness.

He warned them of the risk of "becoming habitually unmoved by grace," of turning a cold shoulder to God's most wounded children and of a "spiritual illusion" that doesn't let them see the reality of their flock and respond to it.

"A faith that does not know how to root itself in the life of people remains arid and, rather than oases, creates other deserts," he said, adding that moments of suffering and conflict are precisely the occasions for God to show mercy. "Today is a time of mercy!"

Without changing church doctrine, the 275 synod "fathers" on Saturday approved a 94-point final document on responding better to the needs of today's Catholic families. The text covered a host of issues — migration, poverty, single parents and polygamy — but the most disputed section concerned whether civilly remarried Catholics can receive Communion.

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At Press Time:

Argentines weigh continuity or overhaul in election

PETER PRENGAMAN

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

(AP) — In one of the most important elections of a generation, Argentines on Sunday chose between a ruling party candidate who promised to continue with the loved and sometimes loathed policies of President Cristina Fernandez and an opposition leader who argued the South American nation needs an overhaul.

It was no surprise that the leading candidates defined themselves in terms of Fernandez, a polarizing leader who along with her late husband dominated national politics for 12 years and rewrote the country's social contract.

Polls closed in the evening without any reports of disturbances, and election officials said the first official results would not be known until late Sunday.

During the chilly but clear day when bars were closed and there were not the usual weekend soccer games, millions filed into schools, churches and other businesses converted into polling places to cast their votes — sometimes undecided right up to the last moment.

"The truth is I don't like any of the candidates," said Anai Roy, a college student who said she would make a choice in the polling booth.



Buenos Aires' Governor and ruling party presidential candidate Daniel Scioli casts his vote as election worker Dahiana Diaz, left, takes a selfie, in Tigre, on the outskirts of Buenos Aires, Argentina, Sunday Oct. 25, 2015, as an election worker takes a selfie with him in the background. Argentines are weighing continuity versus a financial overhaul in Sunday's elections as they pick the successor to President Cristina Fernandez, a polarizing leader who dominated national politics for 12 years.

(AP Photo/Jorge Saenz)

"So I just have to decide who is the best of bad."

The decisions of voters like Roy would be key, as Argentines have been deeply divided about the rule of Fernandez and about who might improve the economic problems and corruption plaguing the nation of 41 million people.

Inflation is around 30 percent, the economy is stagnant and a bitter court fight with a group of creditors in the U.S. has scared off investors and kept Argentina on

the margins of international credit markets.

But Argentines have a unique, nightmarish reference point for a truly bad economy: the financial collapse of 2001-2002, when the country defaulted on \$100 billion in debt and overnight millions of middle class people were impoverished. "The economy is OK. It's not great," said Maria Victoria Murillo, an expert on Argentine politics at Columbia University's School of International and Public

Affairs. "But for Argentina, OK is pretty good."

Daniel Scioli, the governor of the Buenos Aires province and a former vice president, was the chosen successor to Fernandez, who nears the end of her second term with approval ratings around 50 percent. Fernandez and her late husband and predecessor as president, Nestor Kirchner, are widely credited with lifting the nation after the collapse. Fernandez sharply increased spending on social

welfare programs, which range from work training to stipends for single mothers. Her government was the first in Latin America to legalize gay marriage, and it nationalized airline Aerolineas Argentinas and the YPF oil company while strengthening ties with Russia and China and often accusing the United States of meddling in the country's affairs.

Scioli, a former boat racer who lost his right arm in an accident in 1989, presented himself as the continuation of Fernandez's policies who would also fix anything broken. He bristled at suggestions that Fernandez would continue to dominate behind the scenes.

"What Scioli would do in office is a mystery," said Maria Fernandez, who owns a real estate company. "Will he take orders from Cristina or do something else?"

"I don't want to find out," added Fernandez, who was voting for Mauricio Macri, the lead opposition candidate.

Macri, the Buenos Aires mayor, presented himself as the candidate to put Argentina's economy in order, promising to make a deal with the U.S. creditors and lift unpopular currency restrictions.

But Macri also has tailored his campaign to the millions who receive some form of government support. □

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At Press Time:

Polarized Haiti votes in tense presidential election



Electoral officials, right, try to calm a voter who says his name is not on the voters list during elections in the Petion-Ville suburb of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015. The country is holding the first-round presidential vote Sunday along with balloting for numerous legislative races and local offices.

(AP Photo/Ricardo Arduengo)

DAVID McFADDEN

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Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— Haitians faced lengthy ballots featuring 54 presidential hopefuls and a slew of legislative and municipal candidates Sunday as they selected leaders they hope can lift the nation out of chronic poverty and turbulence.

The presidential field was so crowded and confusing that there was little clarity about who might be leading as voting wrapped up in late afternoon. Pre-election polls were unreliable

and contradictory, and no election results were expected for at least 10 days. Voting was relatively orderly across the nation of some 10 million people, although there was some confusion and logistical problems.

At a voting center in Port-au-Prince's Martissant slum, an elections supervisor repeatedly yelled at dozens of people trying to force their way in. "No voting two times!" People shouted back that they were being prevented from voting once.

"I'm here to vote, and they are trying to stop me," com-

plained Varnel Polycard, a vendor of phone chargers who walked away fuming. Each of Haiti's more than 120 parties was allowed to send monitors to polling places, where they got their own voting done early. At a polling center in the Petionville suburb of Port-au-Prince, monitors shoved one another in a voting line and masked police gave the unruliest partisans in line short zaps with a Taser.

But balloting was generally tranquil in many parts of the country, though there were sporadic reports of irregularities and roughly

70 arrests. Officials had no immediate estimate of national voter turnout.

Celso Amorim, chief of the Organization of American States' 125-member observer mission, offered few specifics as polls closed but said Haiti appeared to be "moving in the right direction."

While the gritty district of Cite Soleil suffered from pre-election violence, it appeared to have the busiest voting center in the Port-au-Prince area.

"Nothing can scare me from trying to see my country develop and see if Haiti can get better for my grandchildren," Rosianne Jean said after casting her votes at a school in the deeply poor area of shacks and garbage-lined canals. The continuing appeal of former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was on display as over 1,500 people greeted him when he arrived at a voting center near his home, many chanting "Aristide is our blood." The former leader has mostly been living quietly since returning to Haiti after seven years in exile following his 2004 ouster but has lately urged support for the candidate of the party he founded decades ago, Fanmi Lavalas.

He accompanied party candidate Maryse Narcisse to vote, but some Aristide loyalists in the crowd said they were backing ex-Sen. Moise Jean-Charles.

Whoever wins the almost inevitable Dec. 27 presidential runoff will face numerous challenges, including spurring Haiti's chronically sputtering economy and weaning it off dependence on foreign aid donors, who are largely funding this year's roughly \$70 million three-round electoral process.

Among the best-known names on the presidential ballot was Jude Celestin, a former head of the state-run construction company who was the government-backed candidate in the 2010 race. That time, he was eliminated from a runoff after his reported second-place finish was challenged by foreign observers who complained of irregularities.

Others included outgoing President Michel Martelly's pick, Jovenel Moise, a political newcomer who has called for restoration of Haiti's army and pledges to expand the agriculture sector, and Jean-Charles, a sharp critic of Martelly who brands himself the voice for Haiti's poor and disenfranchised.

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Joey Logano Wins Talladega With Controversial Finish

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New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady throws as New York Jets defensive end Jason Babin (58) pursues during the first half of an NFL football game Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014, in Foxborough, Mass. the Patriots beat the New York Jets 30-23 on Sunday to remain unbeaten.

(AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

Brady, Patriots Remain Undefeated, Beat Jets 30-23

The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Tom Brady overcame New England's shaky first three quarters by throwing for a pair of touchdowns in the fourth, and the Patriots beat the New York Jets 30-23 on Sun-

day to remain unbeaten. Brady completed 13 of 16 passes for 135 yards in the final quarter to overcome a 20-16 lead and give New England a two-game lead over the Jets in the AFC East. He was 34 of 54 for 355 yards overall — numbers that would have been

even better if not for the 11 drops by his receivers, six by newly activated Brandon LaFell.

The Jets kicked a field goal on first down and then recovered the onside kick with 15 seconds left. But a false-start penalty on Brandon Marshall ended the

game after a short pass from Ryan Fitzpatrick left the Jets 37 yards from the tying score.

DOLPHINS 44, TEXANS 26

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Miami became the first team since at least 1940 to score four offensive touch-

downs of at least 50 yards in a half. The Dolphins led 41-0 at halftime, making the drubbing even more emphatic than a 38-10 win at Tennessee a week earlier in Dan Campbell's debut as head coach.

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Minnesota Timberwolves Coach Flip Saunders Dies of Cancer

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Now he's the fifth interim coach of 26 since 2000 to win his first two games. Since the firing of Joe Philbin on Oct. 5, the Dolphins (3-3) have gone from notorious underachievers to contending for their first playoff berth since 2008. The Dolphins had been 0-7 previously against Houston (2-5). Miami's four long scores in the first half were the most in at least 75 years, according to STATS.

REDSKINS 31, BUCCANEERS 30

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Kirk Cousins threw three second-half touchdown passes, including the go-ahead score with 24 seconds left, to lead Washington to the largest comeback in franchise history.

Tampa Bay (2-4) was up 24-0 in the second quarter, before Cousins ran for an 8-yard TD to get Washington (3-4) on the board. Cousins hadn't completed more than one TD pass in any game all season. But he got a pair of 3-yard scores in the third quarter, sandwiched around an on-side kick, to make things interesting.

Then, trailing 30-24, Washington got the ball at its 20 with a little less than 2 1/2 minutes left in the fourth quarter. Cousins capped the drive with a 6-yard TD toss to Jordan Reed.

VIKINGS 28, LIONS 19

DETROIT (AP) — Teddy Bridgewater threw for a season-high 316 yards and two touchdowns for Minnesota.

Adrian Peterson rushed for 98 yards as the Vikings (4-2)

won an NFC North game on the road for the first time in three years.

The Lions (1-6) had an 11-point lead after Matthew Stafford threw TDs on their first two drives, but they blew it because they couldn't protect the quarterback.

Minnesota had a season-high seven sacks, which also was a season worst for Detroit.

FALCONS 10, TITANS 7

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Matt Ryan threw for 251 yards and a touchdown pass, and Devonta Freeman ran for 116 yards.

The Falcons (6-1) bounced back from their first loss by grinding out a road win and overcoming two interceptions. Freeman notched his third consecutive game with at least 100 yards, and Atlanta outgained



Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson (28) breaks downfield for a 75-yard run during the second half of an NFL football game against the Detroit Lions, Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015, in Detroit.

(AP Photo/Duane Burleson)

Tennessee 378-256. The banged-up Titans (1-5) lost their fifth straight overall. They played without rookie quarterback Marcus Mariota, who was replaced by Zach Mettenberger — intercepted by safety Robenson Therezie with 1:31 left to seal the win.

JAGUARS 34, BILLS 31

LONDON (AP) — Blake Bortles threw a touchdown pass to Allen Hurns with 2:16 remaining and Jacksonville rallied in the game at Wembley Stadium. Bortles' second TD pass of the game came a short time after Buffalo safety Corey Graham intercepted a pass and returned it 44 yards to put the Bills ahead. The Jaguars (2-5) won their first game in London after losing in each of the past two seasons at Wembley, the home of

England's national soccer team. The Bills (3-4) were playing in the British capital for the first time.

RAMS 24, BROWNS 6

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Rookie Todd Gurley rushed for 128 yards and his first two touchdowns, helping St. Louis to the win. St. Louis (3-3) had four sacks and recovered four fumbles. The Rams scored 10 points off miscues on Cleveland's first two series, a 17-yard fumble recovery by Rodney McLeod and a field goal after the first of William Hayes' two sacks and strips of Josh McCown on the day. Johnny Manziel got mop-up duty for the Browns (2-5) after McCown left favoring his right arm with about four minutes left.

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CHIEFS 23, STEELERS 13

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Alex Smith threw for 251 yards and a touchdown, Cairo Santos kicked three field goals as Kansas City ended a five-game losing streak.

Charcandrick West added 110 yards rushing and his first career touchdown for the Chiefs (2-5), and Eric Berry intercepted his first pass since his cancer diagnosis last December.

Meanwhile, the Chiefs shut down Pittsburgh's Landry Jones, who made his first NFL start in place of the injured Ben Roethlisberger and Mike Vick. Jones threw for 209 yards and a touchdown, but he was also picked off twice and lost a fumble.

LeVeon Bell ran for 121 yards for the Steelers (4-3).

SAINTS 27, COLTS 21

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Drew Brees threw for 255 yards and one touchdown, Khiry Robinson ran for two scores and New Orleans held on for the victory.

New Orleans (3-4) has won three of its last four. Indy (3-4) still leads the AFC South despite losing its second straight.

Brees finished 28 of 44 and was helped by a running game led by Mark Ingram, who ran for 143 yards and one score as New Orleans took a 27-0 lead.

Andrew Luck threw TD passes of 87 and 46 yards to T.Y. Hilton, and an 8-yard TD pass to Donte Moncrief with 3:46 left to make it 27-21.

GIANTS 27, COWBOYS 20

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Dwayne Harris sped 100 yards with a kickoff return against his former Dallas teammates seconds after the Cowboys had tied the game, and New York moved atop the NFC East with a victory.

Harris spent four seasons in Dallas without running back a kickoff for a score. But he tied a Giants record set in 1994 by romping untouched to the end zone. New York (4-3) snapped a five-game slide against Dallas (2-4) thanks to big

plays by its defense and special teams. Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie had two interceptions, returning one 58 yards for a touchdown.

The Cowboys, losers of four in a row without injured offensive stars Tony Romo and Dez Bryant, got a big game from Darren McFadden. Starting running back Joseph Randle left early with a strained back, and McFadden rushed for 152 yards and a TD.

RAIDERS 37, CHARGERS 29

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Derek Carr threw three touchdown passes, including a 52-yarder to Amari Cooper, and Oakland turned two interceptions of Philip Rivers into 10 points on their way to an easy victory over in what could be the last game of the AFC West rivalry played in San Diego. It was the first meeting of the Raiders (3-3) and Chargers (2-5) since their owners announced plans to build a \$1.7 billion stadium in an industrial Los Angeles suburb if they can't get new stadiums in their home markets.

Coming off a bye, the Raiders looked quicker and more efficient. Cooper, the first-round draft pick out of Alabama, caught a short pass from Carr on an inside screen and raced through the defense to give Oakland a 30-3 lead just before halftime.

San Diego made it close with three fourth-quarter touchdowns. □



Jacksonville Jaguars wide receiver Allen Hurns (88) catches the ball for a touchdown during the NFL game between Buffalo Bills and Jacksonville Jaguars at Wembley Stadium in London, Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015.

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Joey Logano wins Talladega with controversial finish

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) —

As Joey Logano made his third straight trip to victory lane, questions swirled about reigning Sprint Cup champion Kevin Harvick's late-race tactics.

Several competitors accused Harvick of intentionally causing a race-ending caution Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway, where Logano completed a sweep of the second round

of NASCAR's playoffs.

It came at the expense of Dale Earnhardt Jr., who was eliminated from the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship at his best track for the second consecutive year. Earnhardt led a race-high 61 laps, but had to settle for second in a race he had to win when the Harvick-triggered crash ended the race under caution.

NASCAR's most popular driver did not question his

fate.

"When the race is over, I can live with the result as long as everyone else is going by the same rules," Earnhardt said. "I felt like per the rule book, it sorted out and I finished second. I'm OK with that."

NASCAR said this week it would make just one attempt at Talladega to finish the race under green instead of the usual three tries in a nod toward creating a safer racing environ-



Sprint Cup Series driver Joey Logano (22) smokes his tires after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Talladega Superspeedway Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015, in Talladega, Ala.

(AP Photo/Russell Norris)

ment. Drivers were almost unanimous in their support of the change, even when it came into play in a race that cut four drivers from the Chase field.

Eliminated Sunday were Earnhardt, Ryan Newman — the runner-up to Harvick last year — and Joe Gibbs Racing drivers Matt Kenseth and Denny Hamlin. JGR was considered a heavy favorite in this Chase after a dominating regular season, but had two of four drivers eliminated Sunday and both were furious with Harvick.

Harvick had radioed to his crew under caution that a mechanical issue was preventing him from accelerating. But if he moved out of the way, he risked falling to the back of the field and potentially being knocked out of the Chase.

So he instead stayed put, and when his car failed to take off on the restart, he hit Trevor Bayne as Bayne tried to dart around him and it triggered a wreck that brought out the caution to end the race. Earnhardt was unable to race

Logano for the win once the caution was called.

"It was a pretty tough ending. (He) knew he was blowing up and told everybody he was going to stay in his lane," Kenseth said. "It just feels like we kind of lost control of the situation."

Denny Hamlin echoed the sentiments of his Joe Gibbs Racing teammate. He was caught in the accident and had to climb from his flaming car, and said after that Harvick caused the wreck rather than risk losing positions on the track that would knock him out of the Chase.

"The 4 could only run about 30 miles an hour, I think he saw people coming and he knew he was so probably going to be 30th, the last car on the lead lap, so he caused the wreck," said Hamlin.

He had a far more scathing take on Twitter after he was eliminated from the Chase. Joe Gibbs Racing, the heavy favorites in this championship race, instead had two of its four drivers knocked out of the playoffs on Sunday. □

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European Roundup:

Suarez, Ibrahimovic and Cavani on target for Barca and PSG

PARIS (AP) — Some of Europe's top strikers were on target Sunday as Luiz Suarez celebrated the one-year anniversary of his first game with Barcelona with a hat trick hours before Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Edinson Cavani scored for unbeaten leader Paris Saint-Germain in the French league.

In England, the 170th Manchester derby did not live up to high expectations, with United and City playing out a 0-0 draw at Old Trafford. Neither of the bitter rivals was able to produce more than one shot on target.

Here is a look at the top European leagues:

SPAIN

Luis Suarez scored a hat trick as Barcelona came from behind to defeat Eibar 3-1, joining Real Madrid atop the Spanish league standings.

Eibar surprised early at the Camp Nou with a goal by striker Borja Baston in the 10th minute,

but Suarez helped the defending champions rally with goals in the 21st, 48th and 85th minutes.

Barcelona played the final minutes with 10 men after defender Javier Mascherano was sent off with a straight red card.

Barcelona and Real Madrid have 21 points each after nine rounds, but Madrid remained ahead on goal difference after defeating fourth-place Celta Vigo 3-1 on Saturday in Vigo. Celta fell three points behind the leaders.

Atletico Madrid moved to third by beating Valencia 2-1.

ENGLAND

Manchester United and

Manchester City played out a 0-0 draw in the Premier League, while Tottenham surged to a 5-1 victory at Bournemouth.

Also, Jurgen Klopp was denied a first victory as Liverpool manager when Sadio Mane scored a late goal to earn Southampton a 1-1 draw at Anfield.

United went closest to winning against City when substitute Jesse Lingard turned a high ball from Anthony Martial onto the crossbar. The point moves City back to the top of the Premier League standings.

Manuel Pellegrini's side is level on 22 points with Arsenal but has a superior goal difference. United stays fourth on 20 points.

Liverpool is ninth on 14 points, with Southampton a place higher on the same total with a higher goal difference.

Also, Sunderland got its first win of the season with a 3-0 victory against northeastern England rival Newcastle, which dropped Aston Villa to last on the day it fired manager Tim Sherwood.

FRANCE

Paris Saint-Germain strikers enjoyed a prolific evening and left-back Layvin Kurzawa made the most of one of his rare starts to score his first goal with the French champions in a 4-1 win over Saint-Etienne.

Zlatan Ibrahimovic, Edinson Cavani and Lucas Moura scored PSG's other goals, giving Laurent Blanc's unbeaten side a seven-point lead over promoted Angers at the top of the standings after just 11 weeks.

Kurzawa, who joined from Monaco this summer, was given only his third start for

PSG and slotted home a cool finish in the 23rd minute after getting past defender Francois Clerc on the left side of the area.

After a disappointing goalless draw against injury-hit Real Madrid in the Cham-

Roma beat Fiorentina 2-1 to move two points clear of its Tuscan opponent at the top of Serie A.

Former Fiorentina player Mohamed Salah and Gervinho scored in the first half before Koumba Baba-

Frosinone and Sampdoria beat Hellas Verona 4-1 in the lunchtime kickoff.

GERMANY

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang scored a hat trick and Shinji Kagawa starred as



FC Barcelona's Luis Suarez celebrates after scoring against Eibar during a Spanish La Liga soccer match at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona, Spain, Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015.

(AP Photo/Manu Fernandez)

pions League midweek, PSG's forwards were more convincing. Cavani gave PSG more room to breathe in the 48th minute at the end of a counterattack after connecting with a cross from Ibrahimovic, who found the net in the 67th minute from Cavani's assist at the conclusion of a move ignited by Di Maria. Saint-Etienne reduced its deficit in the 73rd minute when Marquinhos failed to clear the ball and shot straight at Verratti, who beat his own keeper. The Italian made amends with three minutes left to play with a good cross that Lucas headed in.

ITALY

car netted a consolation for Fiorentina with almost the last kick of the match. Salah was sent off two minutes from time after being shown a second yellow card for protesting after his initial booking.

Napoli won 1-0 at Chievo Verona to move into second spot, above Fiorentina, Inter Milan and Lazio on goal difference.

Lazio beat Torino 3-0.

Earlier, Juventus beat Atalanta 2-0, while AC Milan edged Sassuolo 2-1 as Rosoneri goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma became the youngest shotstopper to start a Serie A match at age 16 years, 8 months, 6 days.

Udinese won 1-0 against

Borussia Dortmund routed bottom side Augsburg 5-1 in the Bundesliga.

Ilkay Gundogan combined with Gonzalo Castro before crossing for Aubameyang's tap-in in the 18th minute and Marco Reus made it 2-0 three minutes later, when Kagawa turned a defender one way then the other before crossing for the Germany forward.

Kagawa back-heeled the ball for Reus to claim his second in the 33rd and Aubameyang slid in to convert substitute Adrian Ramos' shot at the far post in the 85th, after Augsburg's Raul Bobadilla had reduced the deficit with a header from a free kick in the 49th. □

Minnesota Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders dies of cancer

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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Flip Saunders, the longtime NBA coach who won more than 650 games in nearly two decades and was trying to rebuild the Minnesota Timberwolves as team

berwolves open the season Wednesday.

Sam Mitchell has been named interim head coach of the Timberwolves and GM Milt Newton is heading the team's personnel department.

Saunders went 654-592 in

get into coaching and set about a long and winding path to the NBA. He started at Golden Valley Lutheran College just outside of Minneapolis and served as an assistant at Minnesota and Tulsa before spending seven seasons in the Continen-

lege buddy, McHale, took over the basketball operations with the Timberwolves and Saunders became the team's general manager. When Bill Blair was fired 20 games into the season, Saunders was suddenly the head coach of a struggling franchise that had never made the playoffs. But he teamed with a young Kevin Garnett to turn the Timberwolves into a perennial playoff team.

Saunders led the Wolves to eight straight playoff appearances, the last a trip to the Western Conference finals in 2004. He was fired the next season when the team disintegrated thanks in large part to contractual battles with Latrell Sprewell and Sam Cassell. The Wolves have not been back to the playoffs since. Saunders won 64 games in his first season in Detroit in 2005-06 and 176 in his three seasons coaching the Pistons. But he couldn't quite get a veteran-laden team over the hump and into the NBA Finals, so he was dismissed in 2008.

He coached three more years in Washington before returning to Minnesota as president of basketball operations in 2013. Again, he took over a franchise in turmoil and was steadily bringing the Timberwolves back to relevance before he fell ill.

Saunders deftly handled the exit of disgruntled forward Kevin Love, trading him to Cleveland for a package including budding young star Andrew Wiggins and Thaddeus Young, who was flipped to Brooklyn in February to secure Garnett's return. Saunders also signed Ricky Rubio to a four-year contract extension, drafted Zach LaVine, Shabazz Mu-

hammad and Karl-Anthony Towns, brought in veterans Andre Miller and Tayshaun Prince and helped design a new \$25 million practice facility across the street from Target Center.

As team president, coach and a minority owner, Saunders grabbed a level of influence within his organization that was unmatched in the NBA. His fingerprints were on everything, from personnel decisions to in-game strategies, even down to the pregame entertainment.

He liked to sneak up behind unsuspecting visitors to Target Center, clamp his hand down on a shoulder and squeeze with a vise-like grip that came from hours of massaging his polio-stricken mother in his youth.

He would carry around autographed cards of himself to hand out to fans, and playfully give them to media members as well with a mischievous grin on his face.

Gregarious and outgoing, he endeared himself to a Twin Cities community that viewed him as a hometown boy done good, with his Gophers roots overshadowing his Cleveland upbringing. And Flip loved Minnesota right back. When he returned to the organization after 10 years away, he recounted a story about working for ESPN and being asked why he still lived in Minnesota so long after he was fired.

"And I'd say 'Well, you don't really understand unless you're from Minnesota. You really don't get it. Even when it snows on May 3rd you really don't get it,'" Saunders said. "And the loyalty and the passion that the people have here is what always drives me back." □



FILE - In this Sept. 29, 2010, file photo, Washington Wizards coach Flip Saunders laughs during NBA basketball training camp at the Patriot Center at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. Saunders, the longtime NBA coach who won more than 650 games in nearly two decades and was trying to rebuild the Minnesota Timberwolves as team president, coach and part owner, died Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015, the team said. He was 60.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

president, coach and part owner, died Sunday, the team said. He was 60.

Saunders was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma in June and doctors called it "treatable and curable," when the Timberwolves made the diagnosis public in August. But he took a leave of absence from the team in September after complications arose during his treatment, which included chemotherapy.

This week, owner Glen Taylor announced Saunders would not be back this season and asked team employees to give Saunders time to heal. The Tim-

berwolves, Detroit Pistons and Washington Wizards.

Philip Daniel Saunders was born on Feb. 23, 1955, in Cleveland and was a prep basketball star at Cuyahoga Heights High School.

His mother Kay nicknamed him Flip after hearing the name at a beauty salon. He played in college at Minnesota, teaming with Kevin McHale and Mychal Thompson as a senior to lead the Golden Gophers to a 24-3 record.

Not long after graduating, Saunders decided to

tal Basketball Association. Saunders often credited his stint in the CBA with instilling in him the work ethic and breadth of organizational knowledge that would help him as a coach and executive in the NBA. He made stops in Rapid City, South Dakota; La Crosse, Wisconsin; and Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and would often relay stories of his backwater adventures in the minor league and his affinity for the NBA coaches who followed similar paths.

He landed in the NBA in 1995, when he wrote a letter to new owner Glen Taylor asking for a job. His col-

Rose holds off Bjerregaard to win Hong Kong Open

HONG KONG (AP) — Justin Rose won his first European Tour title in 15 months Sunday, warding off a stubborn challenge from Lucas Bjerregaard of Denmark to win the Hong Kong Open by one shot.

The Englishman, who started the final round even with Bjerregaard on 15 under and a four-shot lead

over the field, carded an impressive two-under-par 68 for a 17-under 263. It was his eighth career title on the European Tour.

"I'm very happy to get the job done. Last week I had a chance to win in Napa when I was tied for the lead but I let that one flutter away.

I wanted to hang on to this

one," said Rose, the 2013 US Open champion whose last victory on the European Tour came at the 2014 Scottish Open.

"Lucas played incredible golf and I was thoroughly impressed. When you separate yourself from the field like we did, it's probably a tough one for him to lose. But he didn't lose it, it's just

that both of us played incredibly well," added Rose, who has now won in every European Tour season dating back to 2012.

Bjerregaard's attempt to win his first title was blown away at the 14th hole at the Hong Kong Golf Club when he made a double-bogey to let slip a one-stroke lead over Rose who

then took over the lead by one.

Rose, 31, went two shots ahead at the 16th and despite a bogey at the final hole, only his third dropped shot all week, it was enough to ensure victory as the 24-year-old Bjerregaard failed to force a playoff and finished with 69 for a 16-under 264. □



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Tech Talk:

Review: Amazon's cheap Fire tablet does a lot for \$50

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NEW YORK (AP) — The thing to remember about Amazon's new \$50 Fire tablet is that it's a \$50 tablet.

It's not as light or as thin as a tablet that costs five or six times more. The camera isn't as good, and the screen isn't as sharp. But it works well as a budget device for the basics — reading, Facebook, video and, of course, shopping on Amazon.

Over the years, Amazon.com Inc. has done a good job of making tablets affordable for the masses. The new Fire tablet is Amazon's cheapest yet, joining a fall lineup that maxes out at \$230 (\$15 more if you want Amazon to remove ads on the lock screen). By contrast, Apple's iPads start at \$269, ad-free.

Of course, you get less for \$50.

The Fire started shipping again Thursday after a limited run quickly sold out, despite these trade-offs:

— **THE FEEL:** The 7-inch tablet is bulky, about two-thirds as thick as a deck of cards. This runs counter to a trend of gadgets getting thinner and thinner. But this is reasonable for budget devices, as they use older, larger components to cut costs. At 11 ounces, the tablet also feels heavy for a device that size.

— **LOWER RESOLUTION:** The screen is just short of displaying video in full high definition, otherwise known as 1080p. As Amazon's HDX tablets and Apple's "Retina" iPads tout super-sharp displays, the screen on the

with 5 or 8 megapixels on higher-end Amazon tablets. Photos come out fuzzy, and low-light images have plenty of color distortion. The camera's lens also isn't able to capture as much as other gadgets from

Fi, so this is hardly cut-and-dried. Many other factors affect performance, even if you have top-of-the-line technology.

In fact, the inexpensive Fire tablet surprised me in many ways. The display has in-

fingerprint reader to bypass passcodes.

Promised battery life is seven hours, which is reasonable for \$50.

And as with other Amazon devices, the Fire tablet works nicely with other Amazon services, including Kindle e-books, Audible audiobooks, Prime video streaming and e-commerce. Just swipe right from the home screen to scroll through the various services. After signing in with my Amazon account, the shopping page reminded me what type of replacement vacuum bags I need. I also found a mini plunger to deal with that nagging clogged sink in my kitchen.

A swipe to the left gets you recently accessed content and apps, plus recommendations. It's a good way to get to frequent tasks without spending a lot of time moving around icons on the home screen. Older Amazon devices will get this feature, too, with an upcoming software update. The app selection isn't as robust as what's available on iPads, Android and Windows devices. Amazon tablets run a custom version of Android, and many Android apps haven't been adapted. You get many of the major ones, but not all.

The Fire is a good option for kids. They won't complain about what's missing, and if they lose the device, it's only \$50 to replace. Amazon will even sell you six for the price of five, so each family member can have one.

I'd be highly disappointed with the Fire if its price tag were \$250 or more. But it's not — not even close. □



Amazon's \$50 Fire tablet is displayed in San Francisco. The tablet works well as a budget device for the basics--reading, Facebook, video and, of course, shopping on Amazon.

(AP Photo/Eric Risberg)

new Fire feels retro. Photos and video display fine. Where the lower resolution is most noticeable is with small text. When reading, some of the vertical lines in d's and l's look fat. It feels like a typewriter with metal type that hasn't been cleaned of gunk, forming misshaped letters when some of that gunk hits the ink ribbon. (For our younger readers, typewriters are machines that produce letters on paper, rather than a screen. And paper is a sheet of writing material made from trees.)

— **TAKING PICTURES:** The main camera is just 2 megapixels, compared

the same distance. It's as though the camera has a permanent zoom. That said, most people already have smartphones with decent cameras. There's no need to pay more to duplicate technology.

— **WI-FI:** The Fire has an older, single-band form of Wi-Fi that doesn't support the highest available speeds, technically known as the 802.11ac standard. In practice, that means signal range and data speed might be lower. But in my limited testing, the new tablet downloaded a video file faster than last year's HDX 8.9 tablet from Amazon, which has dual-band Wi-

plane switching technology, which means it can be viewed from an angle — twice as wide as standard screens, according to Amazon. The tablet was also fast for Web surfing, email and other common tasks. It seemed to take an extra second or two to launch video on Hulu and Netflix, but playback was smooth once it started.

Unlike iPads, the Fire allows you to set up multiple profiles, including ones for kids, and to establish parental limits on apps and usage time. But the Amazon tablet doesn't have anti-glare technology found in the latest iPads, nor does it have a



Why optimism about the US economy's strength has dimmed

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

Consumers, fueled by job growth, cheaper gas and higher home values, would drive the U.S. economy

Americans have been holding back on spending even though lower gas prices have put more cash in their pockets. Employers have slowed hiring and held down pay. Home

more lasting?"

As recently as early August, economists had sketched a bright picture for the rest of the year and, as a result, thought the Federal Reserve would be confi-

devalued its currency. Financial markets plunged on fears that China's once-sizzling growth was shakier than anyone had thought and would slow economies elsewhere. Last week, China said its economy's growth slid to 6.9 percent in the July-September quarter from a year earlier, the slowest pace in more than six years.

As China's appetite for oil, copper, iron ore and other commodities has fallen, so have prices for those goods. One consequence is that U.S. energy companies, squeezed by lower oil prices, are buying fewer factory goods. At Ahaus Tool & Engineering in Richmond, Indiana, orders for components it sells to drilling equipment makers have dropped.

Gas drillers "are cutting their costs, which means they're slowing down on buying new components," said Kevin Ahaus, the company president. "We're not seeing much business there."

U.S. factories cut production for a second straight month in September. Manufacturers are being hurt by a declining appetite for their goods overseas and by cheaper foreign-made products. U.S. exports are down this year compared with 2014, the first year-over-year decline since the Great Recession officially ended in 2009.

"We haven't seen near as much interest overseas as

there had been the past couple of years," said Terry Babb, president of Apex Tool & Manufacturing in Evansville, Indiana.

Falling demand for U.S. goods hurts even companies that don't themselves export products. CSX Corp., for example, said its revenue from transporting coal fell 19 percent in the third quarter from a year earlier in part because of reduced coal exports.

The higher-valued dollar is squeezing U.S. corporations' sales in another way, too: Their revenue in foreign currencies is worth less once it's converted back to dollars. Wal-Mart, for example, says it expects flat sales this year, partly because of such currency effects. Johnson & Johnson and Monsanto have also said currency exchange rates are depressing revenue. At the same time, U.S. consumers appear to be pulling back. Sales at retail stores and restaurants dipped in September after a flat reading in August. Though Americans are snapping up cars at a solid pace, retail sales excluding autos have fallen for two months. Scott Brown, chief economist at Raymond James, said "middle and lower-end consumers are still struggling a lot."

With apartment rents rising rapidly and pay growth anemic, "it's still tough for many households to make ends meet," he said. □



Joe Warner fills up his tank at a gas station in Atlanta. A few months ago, the hope was that consumers, fueled by job growth, cheaper gas and higher home values, would drive the U.S. economy through a global slump. Now, doubts are growing that the United States can withstand economic pressures from overseas.

(AP Photo/David Goldman)

through a global slump. That was the widespread hope just a few months ago. Now, doubts are growing that the United States can withstand economic pressures flowing from overseas. Economies in China, Canada, Brazil and Europe are struggling. Canada, the largest U.S. trading partner, is in recession.

sales have flattened. And the U.S. economy has been hobbled by a stronger dollar, which makes U.S. goods costlier overseas and is depressing corporate profits. "There's no question that the economy is losing momentum," said Mark Vitner, an economist at Wells Fargo. "The question is whether it is temporary ... or is it something that will prove

dent enough to raise interest rates from record lows in September. The Fed chose not to. And many economists and investors have pushed back their forecast for a Fed rate hike into next year. The U-turn in sentiment happened fast. It occurred soon after China made a clumsy attempt last summer to prop up its stock prices and then

China move shows global reliance on low rates to lift growth

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BEIJING (AP) —

China's sixth interest-rate cut in a year shows how hard it is to keep the world's second-biggest economy growing vigorously while attempting one of history's most audacious economic transformations.

The country's central bank this weekend announced cuts in benchmark interest rates on loans and deposits.

The moves by the People's Bank of China are the latest sign that the world's

major central banks remain committed to unusually low rates to try to spur economic growth. This week, the head of the European Central Bank made clear that the ECB is weighing further steps to ease borrowing rates.

And next week, the Federal Reserve is widely expected to hold its key rate near zero, where it's remained for seven years.

China's latest rate cut came four days after the government reported that growth had slowed to a six-year low of 6.9 percent from July through Septem-

ber. The Chinese economic slowdown has unnerved investors around the world, hurt countries that had prospered by supplying China with raw materials and weighed on global growth.

China's deceleration is partly deliberate. Beijing wants to move the country away from an over-reliance on exports and often-wasteful investment in housing, factories and infrastructure projects such as roads and high-speed trains. Instead, China is seeking slower but more sustainable growth driven

by consumer spending.

Recent economic figures reflect the transition. In September, growth in factory output slowed to 5.7 percent from August's 6.1 percent.

At the same time, retail sales growth rose to 10.9 percent from July's 10.5 percent.

E-commerce spending surged 36 percent in the third quarter over a year earlier.

But the growth in consumer spending and services isn't entirely offsetting the decline in older industries. As a result, overall growth is

slowing, raising fears of job losses and unrest.

The government is stepping in to try to keep official measures of growth close to 7 percent.

The Chinese central bank said it will reduce the benchmark rate on a one-year loan by 0.25 percentage point to 4.35 percent, effective Saturday, and cut one-year deposit rates by the same margin to 1.5 percent.

The bank also freed up more money for lending by reducing the level of reserves Chinese banks are required to hold. □

Corporate Culture:

Is Volkswagen so complicated only insiders can fix it?

DAVID McHUGH
AP Business Writer

WOLFSBURG, Germany

(AP) — Volkswagen's effort to fix its emissions scandal will be largely led by company insiders. Some experts say it's the only way, given the German car-maker's unusually complicated structure and power groups.

Others, however, argue the company is just compounding its risks if it does not bring an outsider to change its ways.

Volkswagen has named a new CEO and chairman since the scandal became known Sept. 18. Both are longtime employees.

The effort to find the guilty and prevent a recurrence is in the hands of new CEO Matthias Mueller, who has been with the group for almost three decades. Mueller, who previously led Volkswagen's highly profitable Porsche brand, took over when Martin Winterkorn resigned.

The new board chairman, Hans Dieter Poetsch, had been chief financial officer since 2003. There's no indication he knew about the decision to cheat on the U.S. diesel emissions tests with software installed in engines. But he was a member of the top management team in place when the cheating took place, a group of executives that hasn't yet been formally cleared of involvement.

Mueller has promised a new, more open approach.

The question is, will Volkswagen identify the guilty — but miss the chance to change the culture that enabled the scandal in the first place?

Volkswagen can be a complicated place to figure out.

The billionaire members of the Piech and Porsche families collectively control a majority of the voting rights through their holding company, Porsche Automobil Holding SE.

They include Ferdinand Piech, who served as CEO

from 1993 to 2002 and only left the board chairmanship in April.

And the local government and unions hold a lot of power, too.

Lower Saxony, the German state where Volkswagen's Wolfsburg headquarters is located, holds a 20 percent voting stake, giving it the legal right to block plant closures.

Employee representatives by law hold half of the board seats, and can also veto important decisions.

Dirk Toepfer, a member of the parliament of Lower Saxony, presents a commonly heard argument in Germany: that the peculiarities of Volkswagen mean company veterans are best positioned to lead the clean-up.

"Volkswagen is a different world," says Toepfer. "That means this enterprise functions under different rules than other enterprises. That's why they need someone that knows the structure."

"Someone who comes completely from the outside and doesn't know how the rules of the game go will fail at the cleanup." The management under Winterkorn also has been criticized as overly



Employees work at the assembly line for the Golf VII at the VW plant in Wolfsburg, Germany Wednesday Oct. 21, 2015.

(Julian Stratenschulte/Pool Photo via AP)

opaque and hierarchical. Employee representative Bernd Osterloh lamented last month the need for "a culture in which it's possible and permissible to argue with your superior about the best way to go."

Some question whether pressure to meet Volkswagen's target of passing Toyota as the world's largest car maker led people to cut corners.

Volkswagen achieved that goal in the first half of this year, just before the scan-

dal broke out.

Toepfer acknowledged that the inside-outside question has two sides: "Before it's known who was involved and how, there's the danger that those put in charge of clarifying matters were involved themselves."

Volkswagen has made some effort to reach outside, hiring U.S. law firm Jones Day to find out who knew and did what in the scandal. It has also brought in an executive from com-

petitor Daimler, a former top judge, to oversee legal compliance.

Volkswagen also sought legal clarification about Poetsch's move to become chairman, said Hans-Gerde Bode, the company's director of communications. "Knowing that these questions would come up, we obtained a legal opinion ahead of time, which made this change possible to undertake, because we knew, yes, that will lead to multi-sided discussion." □

US factory output drops in sign of weak growth

C. S. RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S.

manufacturing production fell for the second straight month in September as factories cranked out fewer appliances, computers, and electronics.

Factory output declined 0.1 percent, the Federal Reserve said this weekend, following a drop of 0.4 percent in August. Manufacturers also cut back on production of steel and other metals.

The decline suggests that a strong dollar, weak overseas economies, and cautious U.S. consumers are holding back factory output. Many companies are also focused on reducing stockpiles that were built

up in the spring by cutting back on orders for new goods.

Overall industrial production, which includes mining and utilities, fell 0.2 percent, also its second straight decline. Mining output plunged 2 percent as energy companies sharply reduced oil and gas drilling. Utility output rose 1.3 percent.

Factories have had a tough year and there is little sign of improvement any time soon. A strong U.S. dollar and weak overseas growth have hammered U.S. exports. The dollar has risen about 13 percent in value against other currencies in the past 12 months. That makes U.S. products more expensive, and therefore

less attractive, in other countries.

Overall industrial production has increased just 0.4 percent in the past year, its weakest showing since the Great Recession.

"In 2015 it has been one thing after another hammering manufacturing in almost everything except motor vehicles," Michael Montgomery, an economist at HIS Global Insight.

Auto sales jumped nearly 16 percent in September from a year earlier and are at the highest level in a decade. That has boosted auto production, which 0.2 percent last month.

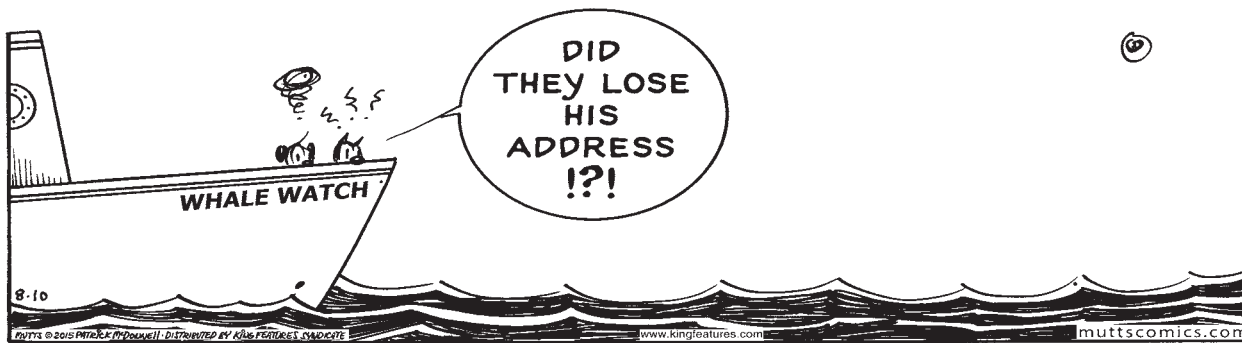
But outside of cars, Americans are spending cautiously. Retail sales have barely grown in the past

two months. That's left many businesses with warehouses full of unsold goods. With such large inventories they see little need to order new products.

Big overseas economies are grappling with slower or nonexistent growth, including China, Canada, Europe, and Brazil. Canada, the United States' largest trading partner, is in recession.

China and Brazil had been critical sources of demand for American-made industrial machinery, such as mining trucks, construction equipment, and agricultural machines. Their economic slowdowns have hit sales and profits for companies such as Caterpillar and United Technologies. □

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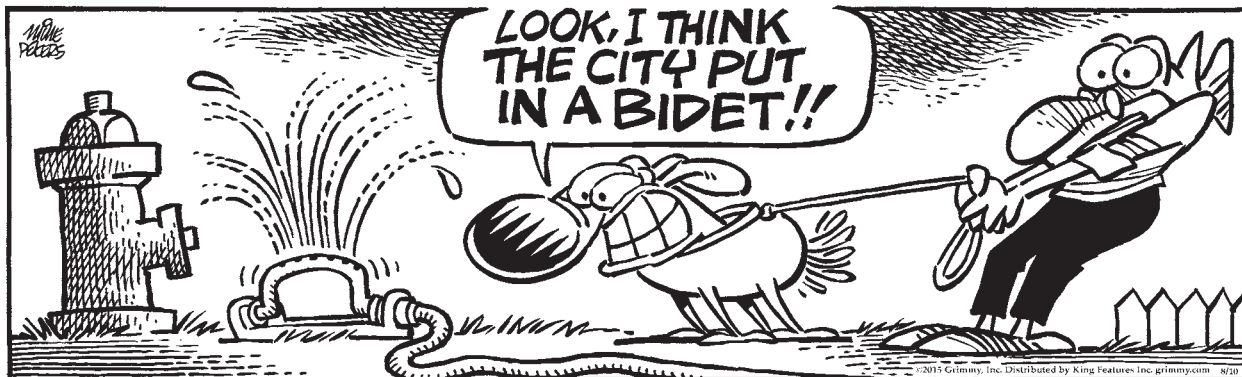
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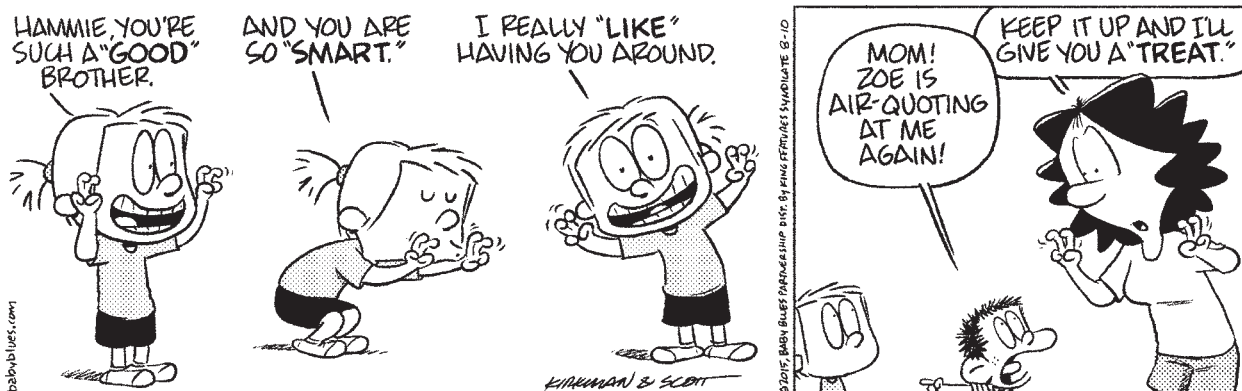
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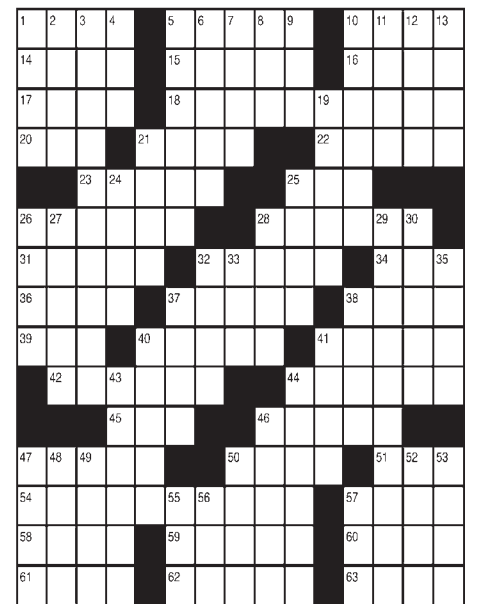
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Saturday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- Fanny
- Rattled
- Lawn trees
- June honoree
- Investigate; delve into
- Dirt
- Sports network
- Fixture outside a hair cutter's shop
- Recolor
- Gave for a time
- Carrying a gun
- Fine-tune
- Nintendo video game console
- Need for water
- Actress and director Jodie
- Seeps out
- Bit of dandruff
- ___ and tonic; bar order
- Bed size
- Sitcom starring Bea Arthur
- Clavicle or ulna
- Wrongdoing
- Stove
- Clark & Cavett
- ___ on; inciting
- Hate
- Pacino & Gore
- Fine tablecloth fabric
- Chicago airport
- Mom's sister
- Defunct airline
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- Hold tightly
- Warning sign for buyers
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- Hardware chain stores



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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- Drove too fast
- Simple
- Delicious-looking
- Light brown
- Tastelessly showy; too loud
- Café patrons
- Clear-thinking
- Spoken
- "For ___ jolly good fellow..."
- "Be that ___ may..."
- Prefix for freeze or trust
- Beguiling trick
- Jungle animals
- Street paver's goo
- As cool ___ cucumber
- Student's avg.

Maldives leader: VP's arrest over boat blast 'not easy'

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MALE, Maldives (AP) — The Maldives' president appealed for calm throughout the island nation Sunday, after his deputy was arrested on suspicion of treason for allegedly plotting to assassinate him with an explosion on his boat. President Yameen Abdul Gayoom, who escaped the Sept. 28 blast unhurt, told reporters it "was not easy" to see the arrest of Vice President Ahmed Adeeb, a young protege appointed to the office only three months ago. The decision to arrest Adeeb was made "for the security of the country," Gayoom said, but added that he would wait for the case to go to trial before beginning any process to impeach him. The arrest marks the latest in a series of political shake-downs and power struggles in the Maldives that have seized the fragile, young democracy since it held its first elections in 2008, after 30 years of autocracy under Gayoom's half-brother. After Adeeb's arrest on Saturday, a small group of his supporters staged a protest that led to a police crackdown, with 17 people detained. The home minister said Adeeb would be charged with "high treason," an offense not specified in the penal code but still used in the

Maldives for terrorism or offenses against the state by government officials. Gayoom said the investigation suggested Adeeb was connected with two soldiers arrested for tampering with evidence on the boat soon after the blast. He said police had found bomb-making materials at their homes. Adeeb's lawyer on Saturday called the allegations against his client untrue. During a hearing in which Adeeb and his lawyers participated by teleconference, the court approved his detention for 15 days of questioning while police conduct raids on the homes and businesses of his family and associates. Gayoom has been dodging controversy since he won the presidency in 2013 after hotly disputed elections against a predecessor who was forced to resign three years earlier amid public protests. Former President Mohamed Nasheed is now serving 13 years behind bars on a conviction delivered in a rushed trial widely criticized as unfair. The 33-year-old Adeeb, who was hugely popular with young Maldivians, was credited with delivering the important youth vote to Gayoom. Some 40 percent of the mostly Muslim country's 350,000 people are aged from 15 to 34.



This photograph released by Maldives President office shows Maldives President Yameen Abdul Gayoom addressing the nation in Male, Maldives, Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015. The Maldives' president appealed for calm throughout the island nation Sunday, after his deputy was arrested on suspicion of treason for allegedly plotting to assassinate him with an explosion on his boat.

(Maldives President's Office via AP)

In July, Adeeb was moved from the Tourism Ministry to become vice president, after lawmakers loyal to Gayoom impeached his predecessor and lowered the minimum presidential age from 35 to 30. The promotion put Adeeb next in line for the presidency, should Gayoom be unable to govern. Adeeb was also given influence

and powers beyond those of his elder colleagues, including heading the country's economic council and mapping out plans for a special economic zone. Meanwhile, he kept control over tourism — a major industry for an island nation known worldwide for its palm-fringed beaches, clear waters and luxury resorts. □

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Plague spread 3,000 years earlier than 1st thought: 2,800 BC

MARIA CHENG
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The plague was spreading nearly 3,000 years before previously thought, scientists say after finding traces of the disease in the teeth of ancient people — a discovery that could provide clues to how dangerous diseases evolve.

To find evidence of the prehistoric infection, researchers drilled into the teeth of 101 individuals who lived in Central Asia and Europe some 2,800 to 5,000 years ago. The drilling produced a powder that the researchers examined for DNA from plague bacteria. They found it in samples from seven people.

Before the study, the earliest evidence of the plague was from A.D. 540, said Simon Rasmussen of the Technical University of Denmark. He and colleagues found it as early as 2,800 B.C.

"We were very surprised to find it 3,000 years before



In this undated photo released by Cell journal, the Sope I grave in Estonia, where plague DNA was found in a tooth from this individual and is the earliest evidence of plague found in Europe. The plague was spreading nearly 3,000-years before previously thought, according to findings published Thursday Oct. 22, 2015, in the journal Cell.

it was supposed to exist," said Rasmussen, one of the study authors. The research was published online Thursday in the journal, Cell.

Rasmussen said the plague they found was a different strain from the one that caused the three known pandemics, including the

Black Death that swept across Medieval Europe. In contrast to later strains, including the one estimated to have wiped out about

half of Europe, the Bronze Age plague revealed by the new study could not be spread by fleas because it lacked a crucial gene. So it was probably less able to infect people over wide regions. But Rasmussen said knowing that plague existed thousands of years earlier than had been believed might explain some unsolved historical mysteries, including the "Plague of Athens," a horrifying unknown epidemic that struck the Greek capital in 430 B.C. It killed up to 100,000 people during the Peloponnesian War.

"People have been speculating about what this was, like was this measles or typhus, but it could well have been plague," Rasmussen said.

He said tracking how the plague evolved from being an intestinal infection to "one of the most deadly diseases ever encountered by humans" could help scientists predict the disease's future path. □

(Harri Moora / Cell 2015 via AP)

Princeton honors memory of 'Mind' mathematician John Nash

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — Princeton University said farewell to late mathematician and faculty member John Nash, whose life and battle with schizophrenia were chronicled in the Russell Crowe movie "A Beautiful Mind," with a day of remembrance events and a panel discussion about him on Saturday.

The Ivy League university's goodbye included a public lecture from author Sylvia Nasar, whose biography formed the basis for the 2001 movie, and a chapel service that opened with Bach's fugue in G minor, a favorite of Nash's.

"We may not see the likes of John Nash again, but his story is one for the ages,"

Nasar said at the lecture. Nasar fondly recalled Nash's wife, Alicia Nash, saying she was the "hero" of his story.

The Nashes, who were in their 80s, were killed in a taxi crash on the New Jersey Turnpike in May.

John Nash, who was known as brilliant and eccentric, had a long connection with

Princeton University, receiving his doctorate in mathematics there in 1950 after he got his graduate and bachelor's degrees from the Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie Mellon University) in 1948. Nash, the 1994 Nobel Prize winner in economics, had held the position of senior research mathematician

at Princeton since 1995 and was renowned for his work in game theory.

Crowe played him in "A Beautiful Mind," which won the Academy Award for best picture. Crowe was nominated for an Oscar for best actor, and Jennifer Connelly, who played his wife, won the Oscar for best supporting actress. □



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Weekend Box Office:

'Jem,' 'Kasbah,' 'Witch Hunter' tank, 'Steve Jobs' fizzles

LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It was a truly outrageous weekend at the box office, and not in a good way. The pack of new releases proved to be all out duds, some worse than others, leaving room for holdovers "The Martian" and "Goosebumps" to stay in the top spots with \$15.9 and \$15.5 million, respectively according to Rentrak estimates Sunday. The Steven Spielberg/Tom Hanks Cold War thriller "Bridge of Spies" also held nicely in third place with \$11 million. Vin Diesel's "The Last Witch Hunter" tanked with \$10.8 million, killing any hopes of a new franchise. The Lionsgate film opened in fourth place and cost a reported \$70 million to produce. This is the latest disappointment for Diesel who can't seem

to find consistent success outside of the "Fast & Furious" franchise. None of the weekend's flops will garner as much attention as "Jem and the Holograms," though, which opened to \$1.3 million to become one of the worst debuts of all time for a major studio movie opening in over 2,000 locations. Based on the 1980s animated series, the film opened on 2,413 screens, averaging \$545 per screen, to take 15th place. The wide release numbers are alarming, but it is worth noting that Universal produced the PG-rated "Jem" for only \$5 million. Overall, teens did not seem all that interested in a movie based on a show that was popular decades before they were born. Audiences that did turn out were overwhelmingly female (in the



This photo provided by Open Road Films shows Bill Murray as Richie Lanz in "Rock the Kasbah." (Kerry Brown/Open Road Films via AP)

90 percent range). Bill Murray's "Rock the Kasbah" barely did better in ticket sales, pulling in only \$1.5 million from 2,012 theaters, but it also cost three times as much as "Jem" to

produce. It's one of Murray's worst debuts ever and a low point for Open Road Films. Critics were not fans of the Barry Levinson-directed comedy about a rock manager who finds a

new client in Afghanistan. Poor reviews might have sunk "Witch Hunter," "Jem" and "Kasbah," but good reviews couldn't propel Danny Boyle's "Steve Jobs" to flashy heights. □

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Maureen O'Hara, spirited movie star, dies at 95

ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fiery-haired and feisty, Maureen O'Hara could handle anything the world and Hollywood threw at her. Director John Ford punched her in the jaw at a party and John Wayne dragged her through sheep dung — real sheep dung — in "The Quiet Man." In "Miracle on 34th Street" she learned to believe in Santa Claus. But first and foremost, she always believed in herself. "I do like to get my own way," she said in a 1991 interview with The Associated Press. "There have been crushing disappointments. But when that happens, I say, 'Find another hill to climb.'"

The Irish-born beauty was 95 when she died Saturday in her sleep at her home in Boise, Idaho, said Johnny Nicoletti, her longtime manager.

In her heyday, O'Hara was known as the Queen of Technicolor because of the camera's love affair with her vivid hair, bright green eyes and pale complexion. But she also had talent.

"I proved there was a bloody good actress in me," she told the British newspaper The Telegraph last year. "It wasn't just my

face. I gave bloody good performances."

Never nominated for an Oscar (although she received an honorary Academy Award last year), O'Hara nonetheless starred

or a mother, her characters were strong-willed women — a characteristic she practiced in real life as well and attributed to her Irish roots.

She was the daughter of

has really encountered Santa Claus in the 1947 Christmas classic "Miracle on 34th Street," and a scrappy Irish colleen who is romanced by an American boxer (John Wayne) in

company of men, except for Maureen O'Hara; she's a great guy."

"We met through Ford, and we hit it right off," she remarked in 1991. "I adored him, and he loved me. But we were never sweethearts. Never, ever."

Her relationship with Ford was sometimes strained, especially when he had been drinking. O'Hara recalled that for some reason he punched her hard in the jaw at a party. For a prank, he and Wayne scattered real sheep dung over a field in Ireland where they were filming "The Quiet Man."

She sometimes called him a "devil" but acknowledged his talent.

She also played the mother of twins, both played by Hayley Mills, who conspire to reunite their divorced parents in the 1961 Disney comedy "The Parent Trap."

"My first ambition was to be the No. 1 actress in the world," she recalled in 1999. "And when the whole world bowed at my feet, I would retire in glory and never do anything again."

O'Hara held dual U.S. and Irish citizenship and maintained strong ties to the land of her birth. She was grand marshal of New York's St. Patrick's Day parade in 1999. □



In this November, 2014 file photo Maureen O'Hara arrives at the 6th annual Governors Awards at the Hollywood and Highland Center in Los Angeles. O'Hara, who appeared in such classic films as "The Quiet Man" and "How Green Was My Valley," has died. Her manager says O'Hara died in her sleep Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015 at her home in Boise, Idaho.

(Photo by Chris Pizzello/Invision/AP, File)

in some of the best-known and beloved movies of Hollywood's Golden Age.

Whether playing a rancher's wife, a pirate queen,

Welsh miner in the grim Oscar-winning 1941 film "How Green Was My Valley"; the mother who doubts her daughter, Natalie Wood,

1952's "The Quiet Man." Wayne, who co-starred with her in five movies, once said: "I've had many friends, and I prefer the

Usher and Harry Belafonte talk activism in joint appearance

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AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — As he considered his growing commitment to activism, Usher only needed to look at the man seated next to him, Harry Belafonte, to know how much more he could give.

"Unfortunately, no matter what I say I'm never going to be able to upstage (Belafonte)," the million-selling musician joked during a weekend appearance at the 92nd Street Y in Manhattan.

In an hourlong conversation moderated by Soledad O'Brien, the 37-year-old Usher and 88-year-old Belafonte related with obvious warmth to each

other as fellow artists, activists and celebrities and as elder statesman and protégé.

Usher called Belafonte a hero, mentor and father figure. And Belafonte spoke far more positively about young black celebrities than he did two years ago when he chastised Jay Z, Beyonce and others for turning "their back on social responsibility."

At the 92nd Street Y, Jay Z was in the audience nodding his head as Belafonte praised him, Usher and Common for renewing a commitment to change after a "very me" generation immediately following the civil rights era.

"I'm glad I lived long

enough to see this emergence," he said.

Usher has a new single out, "Chains," which protests racism and police violence. "Chains" features cameos by Nas and Bibi Bourelly, and an interactive video that stops playing if you turn away from the images of Michael Brown, Eric Garner and other black men who were killed recently. The video was made with the assistance of Belafonte and his nonprofit organization www.sankofa.org, which supports social engagement by artists.

"This conversation comes at a time when I think it's a necessity for us as artists to use our platforms in a significant way," Usher said,

adding that Belafonte and his peers "used everything they've got, or they had, in order for us to have that platform."

Speaking before an admiring, multigenerational crowd that often called out praise and encouragement, Belafonte assumed the role of teacher, summarizing the history of black resilience dating back to slavery and defining the power of art as a way to slow "the rush to the bank." He has criticized President Barack Obama in the past as too cautious and at the 92nd Street Y ridiculed Obama's campaign slogan "Yes We Can."

"The political cleverness, if you want to call it that, (is)

the sentence was never finished," Belafonte said. "Yes we can what?"

Usher, meanwhile, was eager to complete that sentence. He became tearful as he spoke of making the country "a land of hope" and seemed to be asking himself as much as anyone where any future movement might lead.

"I'm inquisitive in my young age," he said, calling "Chains" the beginning of a conversation. "When do we really face the issues that are within our system?" Near the end, the subject briefly turned from politics and social causes when an audience member asked if Usher and Belafonte would sing together. □

A photograph of an older man with a white beard, wearing a light blue shirt and a dark vest, sitting in a leather armchair in a study. He is wearing a Jaeger-LeCoultre Duomètre Unique Travel Time watch. The room is dimly lit with warm light from a lamp and a window. A desk with a clock and a bookshelf are visible in the background. A large, detailed image of the watch is shown in the foreground, resting on a leather suitcase. The watch has a white dial with multiple complications, including a moon phase, a day/night indicator, and a world map. The text "Duomètre Unique Travel Time watch" and "Dr. Craig Venter, decoder of human DNA" is printed below the watch image.

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